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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: FAHMY'S TALKS IN MOSCOW

REF: CAIRO 10205 (NOTAL)

1. IN COURSE OF GOVERNOR GILLIGAN'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, JUNE 19, PRESIDENT MENTIONED FAHMY'S TALKS IN MOSCOW. HE STATED THAT ON THE TWO MAJOR ISSUES, SPARE PARTS AND DEBT RESCHEDULING, NOTHING HAD DEVELOPED.

2. ON SPARE PARTS, SOVIETS HAD BEEN TRICKY. THEY HAD INSISTED THAT ALL SPARE PARTS WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID FOR IN HARD CURRENCY. FROM EGYPTIAN POINT OF VIEW, THIS IS CLEARLY IMPOSSIBLE AND SOVIET POSITION HAD BEEN TATAMOUNT TO A TURN-DOWN. (IMPLICATION WAS, HOWEVER, THAT SOVIETS HAD OFFERED SUPPLY SPARE PARTS ON THEIR OWN HARD CURRENCY PAYMENT TERMS. THIS MAY ACCOUNT FOR DISCREPANCY INDICATED REFTEL.)

3. ON DEBT RESCHEDULING, PRESIDENT SAID SOVIETS HAD
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NOT EVEN MENTIONED ISSUE. HENCE, NOTHING HAD COME OUT OF THE MEETING ON THIS POINT.

4. PRESIDENT INDICATED THAT BREZHNEV HAD TOLD FAHMY THAT SOVIET UNION WOULD SUPPORT ETHIOPIA AT ALL COSTS. FAHMY HAD MADE CLEAR EGYPT'S DETERMINATION TO COME TO AID OF SUDAN IF IT IS ATTACKED FROM ANY QUARTER.

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5. APART FROM THESE POINTS, ONLY OTHER NEW ELEMENT MENTIONED BY PRESIDENT WAS THAT BREZHNEV HAD MADE CLEAR THAT SOVIET UNION INTENDS TO PURSUE WHAT IT REGARDS AS ITS INTERESTS IN AFRICA. NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN.

6. AS WE WERE LEAVING, SADAT MENTIONED TO ME THAT KING HASSAN OF MOROCCO HAS ASKED HIM TO STOP BY AFTER OAU SUMMIT IN LIBREVILLE. SADAT INTENDS TO DO SO. HE INDICATED THAT ONE OF PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED WILL BE SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. PRESIDENT INDICATED THAT HE HAS SOMETHING VERY URGENT TO DISCUSS WITH ME, AND SUNDAY EVENING I RECEIVED A CALL FROM MFA THAT HE WISHES TO SEE ME IN ALEXANDRIA AT 1200 NOON TODAY.
I SUSPECT THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THINGS HE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT IS SOVIET ACTIVITY IN AFRICA.
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